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Honorable Henry Paulson, Jr.
Secretary
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Dear Secretary Paulson,

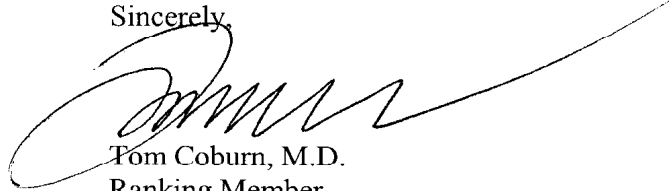
As you may recall, I have written in the past to draw your attention to the tragic health, social and economic impact inflicted as the deadly disease of malaria continues to ravage certain areas of the world, particularly the sub-Saharan regions.

You may recall from my previous correspondence an outline of my concerns with malaria policy currently in place at the World Bank, and a series of questions I put forward regarding those programs. At the time, I had asked for a response within 30 days to the concerns raised in my letter, but none has been received.

One of the most important obligations I have to my constituents is to engage in aggressive oversight of Federal programs with the goal of achieving transparent and results-oriented domestic and international investments and spending. In addition to this Constitutional obligation, Congress has a moral obligation to the taxpayers, our children, and our grandchildren to ensure that taxpayer dollars are being well-spent, and that Federal programs are necessary and managed in an open and ethical manner. The U.S. is the largest donor to the World Bank, contributing about \$1 billion each year. A lack of transparency and accountability for Bank programs is simply impossible to sell back home in Oklahoma, particularly as we move forward with consideration of IDA replenishment this legislative cycle.

I look forward to receiving a response to my questions, and I include my earlier correspondence for your reference. Please feel free to contact Anna Shopen of my staff at 202-224-2254, or at anna_shopen@hsgac.senate.gov. We have at our fingertips the ability to save millions of lives, and improve health and economic conditions by sparing countless people, especially women and children in underdeveloped regions of the world, the ravages of this killer disease. I look forward to cooperating with you to achieve that goal.

Sincerely,



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Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management,
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